



Gillespie Field Development Council



A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego
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Cliff Leary
Vice Chairman

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Councilman

Bob Parker
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**DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC
APPROVAL APRIL 20, 2004**

MINUTES OF March 16, 2004

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Rick Fordem	Noreen Crane
Cliff Leary	Lee Ann Lardy
John Gibson	Sunny Barrett
Jerry Hollingsworth	Marlene Williams
Robert Parker	

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Rick Fordem called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All Council members were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hollingsworth made a motion that the Minutes of February 17, 2004 be approved as submitted. Mr. Leary seconded the motion, which passes unanimously.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Fordem thanked the massive second attendance at the San Diego Regional Airport Authority meeting that reviewed the Boyd residential development to be built at the departure (west end) of Gillespie Field. Four Councilmen attended, as well as staff, two FBO's (Dick McDowell and Rob Dennis) and about 100 pilots.

4. AIRPORT DIRECTOR UPDATE

Sitting in for Pete Drinkwater, Ms. Crane referred to a letter dated March 9, 2004 from Airports' Engineer Eric Nelson to Hunsaker & Associates regarding the City of Santee's "Sky Ranch" proposed residential development. She said Mr. Drinkwater would be submitting a cover letter to the City of Santee with a copy of Mr. Nelson's letter. This proposed development on the approach end of Gillespie Field is within a mile of the airport. Mr. Drinkwater had asked if Council wanted to support staff and write a similar letter to the City of Santee.

Mr. Fordem asked that the Budget Workshop update be presented after Ms. Crane gave her Airport Manager report.

5. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Ms. Crane advised that today (March 16, 2004) was the first day of the AWOS relocation from the Administration Building to the FAA/Air Traffic Control Tower. Staff is in hopes that the AWOS can be commissioned by Friday, March 19. All the equipment is on site. The technicians and the FAA have approved it and a Letter of Agreement is ready to sign after the installation and training. The terminal building will still have the dumb terminal for pilots reference but the input terminal will be permanently located in the FAA/ATCT.

Ms. Crane offered the Gillespie Field annual Airport Traffic Count including a 10-year table with County and City Airports, Lindbergh Field and Oceanside Airport comparisons. The Annual Based Aircraft Count Summary was also submitted noting Gillespie Field has 790 based aircraft.

Ms. Barrett told the GFDC that the budget workshop planned for April 19 would need to be rescheduled to May. She stated that she had just been advised that budget discussions could not take place until after the proposed County budget was released to the Board of Supervisors and the public for review, which was tentatively scheduled for May 3. She also advised that public hearings were tentatively scheduled to take place between June 7 and June 18.

Ms. Barrett informed the Council the GFDC statement regarding the AEF budget would need to be submitted by May 20, and therefore the budget workshop would need to take place between May 3 and May 17. This would enable the Development Council to make a motion and statement regarding the AEF budget at the May 18 GFDC meeting. Ms. Barrett apologized for the delay.

Mr. Fordem expressed concerned about not being part of the AEF budget development process prior to submittal to the Board of Supervisors. He stated that the GFDC is a council mandated by state law and that it says that the GFDC shall review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on all expenditures relating to Gillespie

Field. Mr. Fordem asked if this direction was from the Director. Ms. Barrett advised that it was a countywide directive.

Mr. Fordem stated that he thought the budget workshop should still be held in April and asked to hear from the rest of the Council. He requested that Ms. Williams include in the minutes that he read the GFDC duties and responsibilities related to expenditures and that he objected to delaying the workshop and wanted to keep it on schedule until he heard from the County Board of Supervisors, Diane Jacob or Larry Watt. Ms. Barrett advised that she would ask Mr. Watt to call Mr. Fordem. Mr. Fordem requested input from each Council member.

All Council members agreed with Mr. Fordem. Additionally, Mr. Parker stated that he felt the GFDC was being overlooked. Ms. Barrett responded that this was not the intent of Airports staff. Mr. Gibson stated that waiting for GFDC input until the budget was available for public review made the Council just another member of the public. Mr. Gibson also stated that a year ago the GFDC footnote to the budget recommendation that went to the Board of Supervisors was to get an answer on when the 11 million owed to the AEF would be repaid, and that it would be appropriate to have that answer from the consultant when the budget workshop is held. Ms. Barrett responded that she had received a preliminary report from the fiscal consultant and that she thought she would have a report for the Council at the next meeting.

6. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

- Mr. Fordem asked Ms. Lardy to return in 30 days with a motion item for an updated development standards packet. Ms. Lardy said the packet she distributed tonight includes industrial development standards as well as aviation. Mr. Fordem asked Mr. Parker and Mr. Gibson to work with Ms. Lardy on the development standards before the next meeting.
- A sign has been ordered for the trolley station parcel marketing and an announcement has been sent to the Webmaster. FAA has determined that they are going to offer us a grant for the west side ramp as well as an intermodal station.
- Regarding the LOI/Qualifications to develop the Weld Blvd. Site, this item goes before the Board on March 24, 2004. At that point they will approve going forward with the plan as it has been presented to Council. Industrial Development Standards will be included as part of that packet.
- Ms. Lardy advised that the Department of General Services has drafted revisions to Board Policy F-51, County Real Property Asset Management. She asked Council to review it and make recommendations at the next meeting.

7. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

- El Cajon City Councilman Dick Ramos said he was speaking as an individual. “Several years ago, you may remember, Mr. Chairman, as a new member from our City of El Cajon and Mr. (Leo) March, had concerns, and I’d have to go back to the budget workshop that we talked about just a little bit ago. You had concerns on exactly what your duties were. If you remember, I arranged a meeting between El Cajon’s City Counsel, Mr. Morgan Foley and the County Counsel.

“They came to a very definite agreement, as you have eloquated tonight, that you do have a place in that budget process. If I heard correctly tonight from staff, what I heard was they’re suggesting that if you have any concerns with anything that’s in the budget, you’ll have an opportunity to either address those concerns, agree with them or not agree with them. And that sounds all well and good, but it is my interpretation that you should have process in that budget at the beginning, working with the County Airports, and, more particular, this airport. If you don’t come to agreement, then you can put something in there that says we don’t agree with it. But it should be in the budget from the beginning, and that’s certainly my interpretation.”

Mr. Fordem asked that Councilman Ramos’ entire testimony be put into the minutes for next month.

- Bob Lindsay made a brief presentation of Gillespie instrument approach alternatives. After advertising around the field, Mr. Lindsay formed a committee as requested by Mr. Drinkwater. They came up with defining the problem and the solution criteria. Mr. Fordem said the item could be placed on the next agenda to provide more time. He asked Mr. Lindsay to bring back total costs of the three variations, what the County is willing to budget for this project, and how Mr. Lindsay is going to address the homeowners’ associations, the Chambers, the Cities, the County and the FAA/Controllers’ Union at Gillespie Field.
- Phyllis Trombi, president of the Gillespie Pilots’ Association (GPA) said we nearly lost the effort at the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) on March 1. Although we had about 100 people there and County staff made a nice presentation, the ALUC’s hands are tied and they nearly voted to allow the housing project. What they need is the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Ms. Trombi said she and 1100 people on the field stand ready to assist in getting the ALP done, signed off and available for the ALUC before Mr. Boyd comes back.

Ms. Crane said the ALUC needs a Comprehensive Land Use Plan. They are aware of our ALP and they may use that verbiage but they are basing their decision on the current Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which is a 1988

document. The ALP information updates in relationship to the current noise contours and the critical zones were provided to the ALUC. They have said they have to by law go by the current adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Mr. Ramos said that after the last Airport Land Commission meeting, Mr. Drinkwater assured him several times that the Airport Land Use Plan would all be done and ready for review by the next meeting of the Airport Authority. If that has changed, he would like to have a call from Mr. Drinkwater tomorrow to hear what has happened. Ms. Crane said she would ask Mr. Drinkwater to call Mr. Ramos.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2004 in City Council Chambers, 200 E. Main Street, El Cajon.

By _____
Marlene Williams, Secretary